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POLREP #1 AND FINAL  
PENN GEAR OIL SITE  
1 CABOT BLVD  
LANGHORNE, BUCKS COUNTY, PA

SUBJECT: SITE ASSESSMENT

I. SITUATION (AS OF 1400 HOURS, MONDAY, 23 FEBRUARY 1998)

- A. DUTY OFFICER RECEIVED AN ANONYMOUS CALL FROM A CITIZEN INFORMING EPA THAT PENNSYLVANIA GEAR CORP, LOCATED AT 1 CABOT BLVD, LANGHORNE, BUCKS COUNTY, PA WAS CONTINUOUS DISCHARGING OIL INTO STORM SEWER FROM TWO DUMPSTERS LOCATED IN THE REAR OF THE BUILDING..
- B. WEATHER: CONTINUOUS RAIN, TEMPS IN THE 40S.

II. ACTIONS TAKEN:

- A. OSC KELLY AND OSC LAPSLEY VISITED LOCATION AND MET WITH THE VICE PRESIDENT OF OPERATIONS, MR. TODD W. STRANAHAN. WE EXPLAINED THE NATURE OF OUR VISIT AND REQUESTED ACCESS TO TOUR THE FACILITY. MR. STRANAHAN GRANTED ACCESS AND PROVIDED US WITH SHIPPING MANIFESTS THAT SHOW THAT PENNGEAR DISPOSES OF NON-HAZARDOUS WASTE OIL THROUGH THE LANCASTER OIL COMPANY, LOCATED IN LANCASTER, PA.
- B. OSC KELLY, OSC LAPSLEY AND MR STRANAHAN TOURED PLANT. INSPECTED WERE THE PLANTS DRAINAGE SYSTEM AND THE STORAGE OF ALL OIL. NO DISCREPANCIES WERE FOUND.
- C. ALSO INSPECTED WERE THE DUMPSTERS LOCATED AT THE REAR OF THE BUILDING IN AN ENCLOSED GARAGE. IT APPEARED THAT A SLIGHT FILM OF OIL WAS COMING FROM DUMPSTER TOWARD THE STORM SEWER. STORM SEWER WAS TRACED TO SMALL POND ADJACENT TO THE BUILDING. POND WAS INSPECTED AND NO NOTICEABLY TRACES OF OIL WAS DISCOVERED. THESE CONDITIONS WERE PHOTO DOCUMENTED.
- D. MR. STRANAHAN ADVISED EPA THAT OIL THAT APPEARED TO BE COMING FROM DUMPSTERS WAS OIL THAT LEAKED OUT FROM DUMPSTERS AS IT WAS BEING HAULED FROM THE FACILITY.
- E. WHILE THERE, OSC KELLY AND OSC LAPSLEY QUESTIONED MR. STRANAHAN ON HAVING AN SPCC PLAN IN PLACE. HE DID NOT KNOW THAT ONE WAS NEEDED. DUE TO THE UNKNOWN EXACT AMOUNT OF OIL STORED IN UST AND IN BARRELS, AN SPCC INSPECTION WILL BE PERFORMED.

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III. FUTURE ACTIONS

- A. MR. SHRANAHAN AGREED TO CLEAN UP OIL FILM AND TO PLACE A BERM INSIDE OF GARAGE TO ELIMINATE FURTHER LEAKAGE OF OIL INTO SEWAGE DRAIN.
- B. AN SPCC INSPECTION WILL BE CONDUCTED.

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